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Serial No.: 10/525,852

Title: ORTHOPAEDIC DEVICE FOR  
CORRECTING ABNORMAL POSITIONS OF  
THE TOES

Customer No.: 42419

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In accordance with Rule 1.56 and MPEP Section 2001.06(a), References AA-AB (Sheet 1 of 2) and AL-AN (Sheet 1 of 2) listed on Form PTO-1449, are cited in the International Search Report for corresponding International Application PCT/EP2003/008204 and are brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly material to examination of the subject patent application. References AL-AN (Sheet 1 of 2) listed on Form PTO-1449 are also cited and discussed on Pages 1 and 2 of the International Application.

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The remaining references listed on Form PTO-1449 are also brought to the attention of the Examiner as being possibly material to examination of this patent application.

German Patent References 267385, 322651, 316559, and 369381 each disclose devices for correcting foot problems. However, none of these references discloses an orthopedic splint for the correction of wrongly positioned toes extending along the inner side of the foot wherein a flexible splint is formed as a hinged flexible splint and has a pivot axis corresponding approximately to a joint axis of the main big toe joint in the direction of flexion and extension.

Form PTO-1449 (2 pages) is enclosed with a copy of each and every non-U.S. patent reference cited on Form PTO-1449.

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